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My dear W.R.-

We conclude our labors (?) tonight. As I remarked in yesterday's report we found a way out of the immigration and emigration impasse by dropping the whole subject after four days discussion but as the main purpose of this conference is discussion we may be credited with having reached our objective.

Last night Mrs. Robert J. Burdette of Los Angeles spoke most eloquently on releasing women from household cares so as to increase her "mother power". As the records of Los Angeles and California show one divorce for every two marriages, the "releasing" seems to be a success. Honolulu, a city of 100,000 has about 15 divorces a day.

On missions we have concluded, with the aid of the Chinese delegation, that the old missionary must go, that the new missionary should rather go to learn, the final result to be a commingling of Buddhism and Christianity. Personally, I will continue to attend the Anglican Church. I admit I am out of date but at my age I cannot forsake the faith of my fathers to follow after strange gods.

Tonight we debate "the future of the Pacific Conference". If the question was left to me, which it will not be, I would settle it - without further discussion and settle it decisively and finally, as no other subject before this conference has been. I have tried to find some wisdom, some purpose in these debates, these round table conferences, these forum discussions. There is none. We have been busy to no purpose, except to make phrases. It has afforded an opportunity to talk and pose to people who could not carry a ward as pound-keeper - who if they did arrive at any definite decision, on any subject, are impotent to give it political expression. We have babbled about "political contacts", "thinking internationally", "spiritual contacts", "mother power", "cultural assimilations", "grafting christianity" on contemplative Oriental thought" and a thousand other phrases. The yard office at West Toronto in the old days was the scene of many debates after the freight house was pulled and the night crew was slack couched, it is true, in less elegant language but arriving at much more practical conclusions. There was no lack of emphasis and perhaps colored with some picturesque profanity and no lack of decision or good sense. The yard office settled things.